

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 16 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Satoshi Otsuka, et al.	Examiner:	Henry M. Johnson III
Serial No:	10/758,646	Art Unit:	3739
Filed:	January 14, 2004	Docket:	17364
For:	MEDICAL INSTRUMENT HOLDING DEVICE	Dated:	February 16, 2006

Conf. No.: 6274

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 17, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

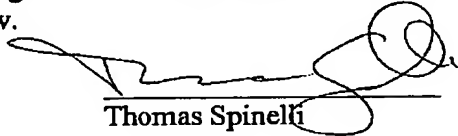
02/17/2006 FMETEKI1 00000015 191013 10758646

01 FC:1201 400.00 DA

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date set forth below.

Dated: February 16, 2006


Thomas Spinelli

g:\olympus\1373\17364\amend\17364.sml